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KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO HOLD GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 9, 2003) -- The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a grand opening ceremony to formally open the 180-acre Brigadoon State Nature Preserve (SNP). The ceremony will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at 10 a.m. CDT at Brigadoon State Nature Preserve, in Barren County, Ky.

The Brigadoon SNP is an exceptional natural area located on Barren River Reservoir and was named by former owners, the late Dr. and Mrs. Starr, for the idyllic setting of the nature preserve. The preserve protects stands of medium and mature aged second growth forests, with stands of tulip poplar, beech and red oak that are believed to have never been commercially logged. The preserve features an approximate one-mile hiking trail, which runs through mature stands of forest and scenic valleys.

Expected to speak during the ceremony are Barren County Judge-Executive Davie Greer, Wayne Mason, Professor of Biology at Western Kentucky University on behalf of the late Dr. and Mrs. Starr, KSNPC chair Clara Wheatley, and KSNPC Executive Director Donald S. Dott Jr. A guided hike through the nature preserve will follow the ceremony.

The open house will be held in conjunction with the quarterly KSNPC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at 1 p.m. CDT, at Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, Ky.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502) 573-2886 or on the Internet (www.kynaturepreserves.org).